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DISCRIMINATION--PARTICIPANT REACTIONS

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1. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH NON EC-9 MEMBERS OF THE
WESTERN GROUP REVEAL WIDESPREAD SHARP CRITICISM AND
DISSATISFACTION WITH THE ROLE OF THE EC-9 AT THE CON-
FERENCE OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

2. IN SEPARATE BILATERAL TALKS SEPT 11 ATTENDED BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES, BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW
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ZEALAND ASSIGNED TO THE EC-9 A LARGE SHARE OF THE
BLAME FOR THE FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE. BOTH NEW
ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA CLAIMED THAT THE NINE APPEARED
ALOOF, INFLEXIBLE AND UNWILLING TO NEGOTIATE.

3. IN HIS BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE NORDICS, MINISTER
COUNSELOR PETREE RECEIVED THE SAME REACTIONS. THE NOR-

DICS WERE DISTRESSED THAT EC-9 INABILITY TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AFFECTED THE ENTIRE WESTERN PERFORMANCE AND PREVENTED FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

4. FINALLY, A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION REPORTED THAT CANADA WAS DISPLEASED WITH THE PERFORMANCE AND FELT THAT THE OUTCOME MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF GREATER EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

5. COMMENT. THE ABOVE VIEWS COINCIDE WITH US MISSION GENEVA'S REPORT (REFTEL) OF DISARRAY IN THE WESTERN AND PARTICULARLY EC-9 CAMP AND OF THE RESULTING VIEWS HELD BY OTHERS THAT THE WEST REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE WEST WAS UNWILLING OR WHETHER THEY WERE JUST INCAPABLE TO, NEGOTIATING WILL PROBABLY BE DEBATED FOR SOME TIME. THE CONCLUSIONS, HOWEVER, ARE THE SAME: THE EC-9 IS NOT WINNING ACCOLADES FOR ITS RECENT PERFORMANCE.

6. THE EC-9 THEMSELVES APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOME STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REPAIR WHATEVER DAMAGE THEY MAY HAVE CAUSED IN GENEVA. THE FRG, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NINE, INFORMED US THAT IN A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8 HELD TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, THE FUTURE EC STANCE ON THE RACISM DECADE, THE NINE DECIDED TO SEEK OUT THE MODERATE AFRICANS AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE PROBLEMS OF THE

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RACISM CONFERENCE AND EXPLORE WAYS OF COOPERATING ON FUTURE DECADE PROGRAMS.

7. FUTURE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DECADE. AT THEIR SEPT 9 MEETING, THE NINE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO CAPITALS THE FOLLOWING POSTURE ON THE DECADE: THE NINE WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DECADE WHICH THEY CONSIDER REFLECT THE ORIGINAL AIMS AND GOALS OF THE DECADE. THEY WOULD MAKE A COMMON STATEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR'S UNGA DEBATE ON THE RACISM DECADE IN WHICH THEY EXPLAIN THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND INDICATE WHAT THEIR FUTURE STANCE WILL BE. THE NINE PREFER TO AVOID ENTERING INTO ANY NEW NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE DECLARATION AS ADOPTED IN GENEVA. THEY BELIEVE THAT IF THE UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO ISRAEL WERE DELETED, THEY WOULD STILL BE LEFT WITH PROBLEMATIC LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WOULD BE FACED WITH AN INEVITABLE SPLIT IN THE NINE POSITION: (THIS IS PARTICULARLY ENDORSED BY THE UK, AS REPORTED USUN 3523.) THE NINE WILL NOT ADOPT A STANCE OF NON-PARTICIPATION DURING VOTING, BUT WILL VOTE NO ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE DECLARATION OR

ON ANY RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THE CONTENTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

8. CORRECTION TO PARA 5 AS FOLLOWS: "INCAPABLE TO NEGOTIATING" SHOULD READ "INCAPABLE OF NEGOTIATING."

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